

Total Score Comparison Results

Table 7 presents the comparison results for the total scores on the two tests. The comparison of total scores can be interpreted in the same way as described above for the section scores. As shown by the shaded area in Table 7, most scores were within the range of 5.5 and 7.5 on the IELTS test and 46 and 109 on TOEFL iBT test. Less than 5% of test takers at each score or score interval received scores outside of this range. Because of the much larger TOEFL total score scale (0 to 120) than IELTS (0 to 9), the TOEFL score range corresponding to an IELTS score tends to be very broad. For example, an IELTS score of 5.5 would correspond to TOEFL scores of 46 to 59; an IELTS score of 6.0 would correspond to TOEFL scores of 60 to 78; an IELTS score of 6.5 would correspond to TOEFL scores of 79 to 93; an IELTS score of 7.0 would correspond to TOEFL scores of 94 to 101; and so forth. In all cases, the IELTS scores and their corresponding TOEFL scores (or score intervals) would pass similar percentages of test takers.

Table 7. Total Score Comparisons

IELTS Score	TOEFL Score
9	118-120
8.5	115-117
8	110-114
7.5	102-109
7	94-101
6.5	79-93
6	60-78
5.5	46-59
5	35-45
4.5	32-34
0-4	0-31